

Welcome to our Service of Worship

***In God's house there are no strangers.
If you have come as a visitor today,
We hope you will leave as a friend!***

Mission Statement

***To make Christ visible in our lives, our church,
our community and our world***

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

Announcements

Contemporary Song

Children message

Gospel Lesson: Mark 8: 31-38

Call to Worship

Leader: Our souls are so dry alone, they cannot pray.

People: Yet God can retrieve the life waters from thousands of prayers!

Leader: Our souls are so cold alone, they can seem joyless.

People: Yet God can light the fire of the Holy Spirit within us so we are never alone!

Leader: Our souls are so feeble alone, they have no faith.

People: Yet God can instill strength and grow faith to new heights!

**All: We thank you for the; Prayer, Joy and Faith!
All made possible by Christ's sacrifice.**

Prayer

Lord, If we are to complain, let us complain to Jesus fastened to the cross. What are our sufferings compared to those, You bear, without complaining? In Your presence, our Savior, our complaining is unjust for our sins are known to You. Remind us that our sufferings are far less than we deserve. Since all our afflictions proceed from You, to You we come. Give us strength and hearten us to suffer in silence; as You once did Yourself. Amen.

***Hymn #553**

Message: - "To live is to suffer, to survive is to find some meaning in the suffering." – Friedrich Nietzsche

***HYMN: #415**

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND TO THE WORD

JOYS AND CONCERNS PRAYER REQUEST

Offering and Prayer

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS